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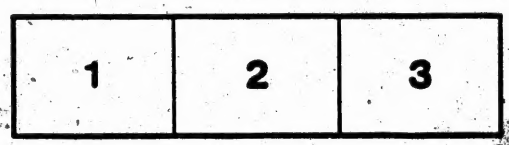

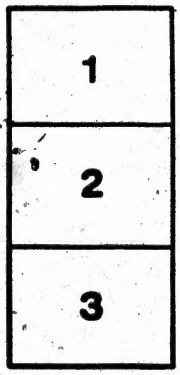

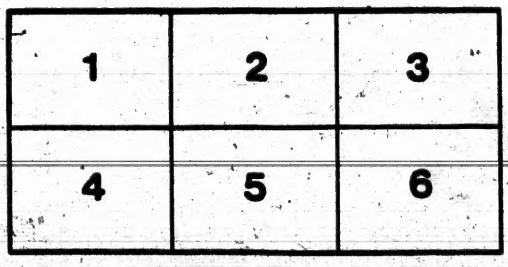

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LIMITED,

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OFFICERS OF THE SOCIETY:

JAMES SKELTON, PRESIDENT.

WILLIAM J. DUELAND, VICE-PRESIDENT.

JOHN H. ROBERTS,
ALBERT KLOPHEL,
WELLIAM H. DUNN,
ALFRED W. DAVIS,
MALCOLM McCALLUM,
} COMMITTEEMEN.

Wm. McFARLANE,
H. W. DAVIS,
JOHN T. [illegible],
} AUDITORS.

ALEXANDER [illegible], SECRETARY-TREASURER.

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RULES

—OF—

THE CITY OF STRATFORD CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETY (LTD.)

1.—NAME.

This Society shall be called the City of Stratford Co-operative Society, Limited.

2.—OBJECTS.

The objects of this Society shall be the establishing of a shop or shops for supplying its members and the public with provisions, clothing and house furniture and furnishings, and the conducting of such other branches of trade as the members of the Society may from time to time see fit to engage in, all in conformity with and within the powers and provisions of the act respecting Co-operative Associations.

3.—PLACE OF BUSINESS.

The office of the Society shall be at 19 Ontario Street, in the City of Stratford, or such other place on the majority of the members may from time to time determine, and the business thereof shall be carried on in the said City.

4.—ADMISSION OF MEMBERS.

The Society shall consist of the incorporators and promoters hereof, and all other persons who shall be admitted in the following manner:

5.—HOW ADMITTED.

Any person wishing to become a member must apply at the office of the Secretary-Treasurer, or other officer appointed, who shall furnish him with a form on which he must state his name, residence and occupation, and be proposed and seconded by two members of the Society. He must also, at the time of application, sign a declaration of his willingness to abide by the rules, pay an entrance fee of 25 cents, and take out from one to twenty-five shares of one dollar each. He shall be furnished with a copy of the rules. Complete list of names, residences and occupation of all persons who have applied to become members in the manner hereinbefore stated, shall be submitted to the next meeting of the Committee of Management for their approval, and if any person whose name is on the list shall be objected to by a majority of the Committee of Management then present, the name of the said person shall be erased from the list. All persons objected to by either the Committee of Management or the members at the next quarterly meeting when the application for membership comes up shall have the whole of the money which they shall have paid into the Society returned. Members (who are house-

holders) who do not purchase to the amount of $1.50 per quarter and continue in not doing so for the space of twelve months, shall cease to be members of the Society. No dividend shall be paid to any member purchasing less than $1.50 per quarter, and not more than 4 per cent. per annum on said person's stock.

6.—List of Members' Names.

A list of members' names and their residences shall be kept at the office of the Society, which shall be open to their inspection, and no person shall be deemed a member unless, or until his name appears on this list, and the Committee of Management shall cause the names of all persons who, under these rules cease to be members, to be erased therefrom.

7.—Capital.

The Capital of this Society shall be raised in shares of one dollar each; each member must hold one, and not more than twenty-five, none of which will be withdrawable (unless in case of death or if a member is permanently leaving the city, in which latter event he will be refunded by the Association the market value of his share, and in the former event the value thereof will be paid to the executor or administrator of the deceased member, and in case of the estate being small and there being no will or letters of administration, the Managing Committee shall have full power and authority to pay the said market value to the widow, mother, father, son or daughter of the

may see fit and such payment shall be an absolute discharge to the Society) but all of which shall be transferable. Every member shall be supplied with a card, upon which shall be written his name and the registered number of his share or shares.

8—Officers of the Society.

The management of this Society shall be vested in seven trustees who shall be the managing committee, consisting of the President, Vice-President and five committee men, to be elected as follows: The President and Vice-President to be elected at the General Quarterly Meeting to be held in February and to serve twelve months; two committee men to be elected at the meeting to be held in February, and three committee men to be elected at the meeting to be held in August, and to serve twelve months each, the retiring officers being eligible for re-election; but if through death, resignation or otherwise a vacancy should occur, a special meeting of the members shall be called, when another or others shall be elected to fill such vacancies. But no member shall be eligible for a committee man who has not been a member for six months, or for President who has not be a committee man (except at the formation of the Society).

9.—Management of Business.

The general management of this Society shall be vested in the Committee of Management consisting of [illegible]

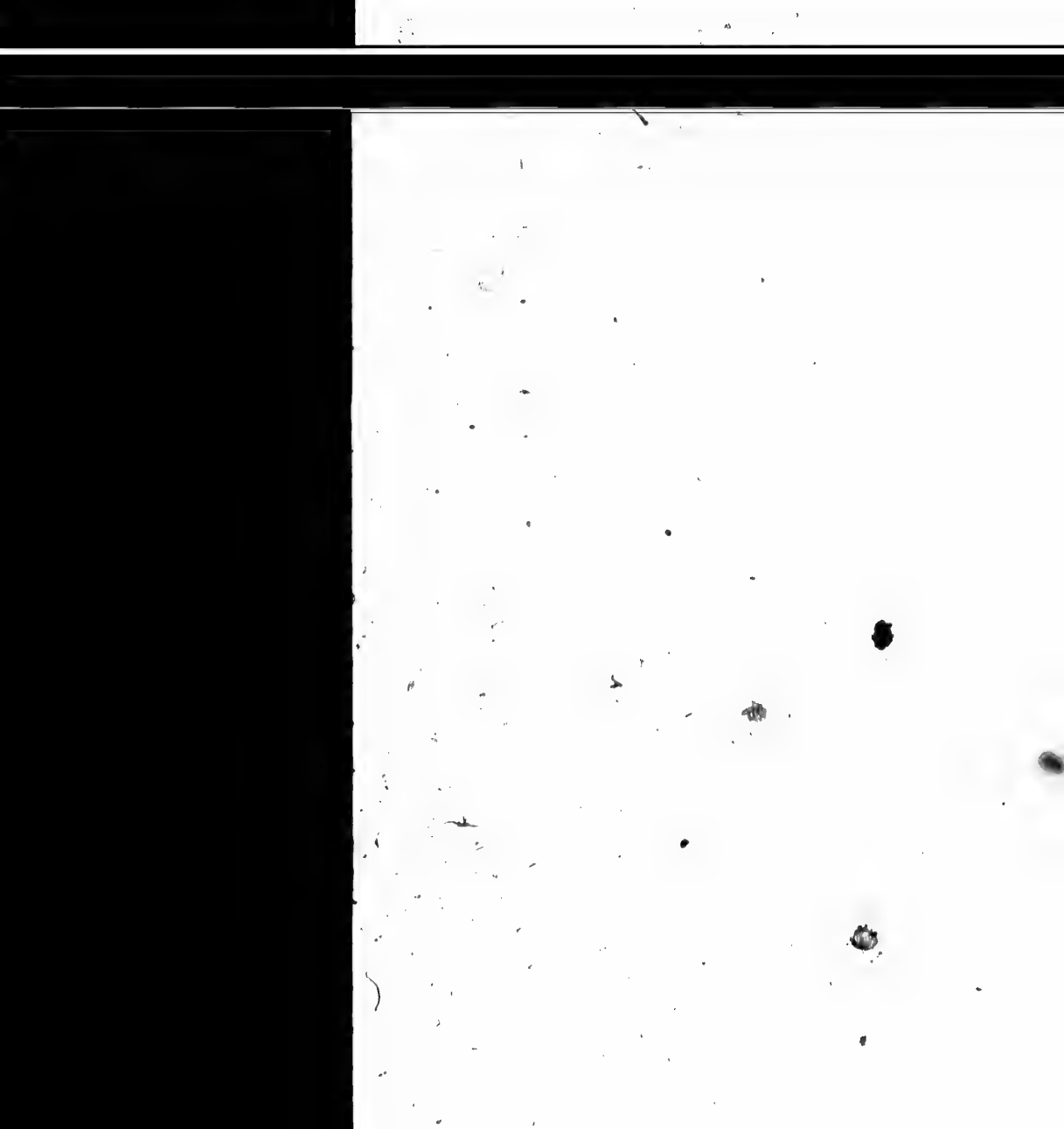
who shall have control of all business carried on by, or on account of the Society; the determination of the persons to be employed therein, and the rates of payment to be made in such business, the appointment of such salesmen or other servants necessary for conducting the same, and may assign to such servant such duties and salaries as they may think fit.

10.—Mode of Business.

All purchases or sales made on behalf or on account of the Society shall be regularly entered in the books and the purchases or sales shall be transacted only by the persons appointed thereto and shall be a cash business exclusively; and all purchases and moneys paid by the Society shall be made by cheque, signed by the Secretary-Treasurer and President.

11.—Duties of Committee of Management.

The Committee of Management shall meet every second and fourth Monday night, and any four of the committee shall form a quorum. It shall in all things act for, and in the Society's name, and all the acts and orders under the powers delegated to it, shall have the like force and effects as if they were the orders of a majority of the members of the Society at a general meeting thereof. Every question at such meeting shall be decided by a majority of votes. Any two of the Committee may call a special meeting thereof by giving one clear day's notice in writing to the Secretary-Treasurer, who shall thereupon convene a



other business than that specified in the notice shall be taken into consideration. They shall convene all meetings of the Society, and shall also cause the accounts of all business carried on on behalf of the Society to be regularly entered in proper books, and shall cause a statement of the accounts of the Society with all necessary vouchers to be made out and laid before the persons appointed to audit the same, not less than four days before the day appointed for the quarterly meeting of the Society. All other committees which may be formed in connection with this Society shall be subject to this Committee.

12.—Duties of President.

The President, or in his absence the Vice-President, shall preside, and should they not be present at any of the Society's meetings, the members present shall elect a person from among themselves to act as chairman at such meeting. The President, Vice-President, or Chairman acting, shall sign all contracts, also all orders on the Secretary-Treasurer and the minutes of the proceedings of the Society's meetings. He shall have a casting vote only.

13.—Duties of Secretary-Treasurer.

The Secretary Treasurer shall give his attendance at all meetings of the Society and of the Committee of Management; summon all special meetings of the Committee and record correctly the names of the Committee then present and the particulars of their proceedings, so

be authenticated by the Chairman. He shall countersign all contracts, attend to all correspondence, receive all moneys in connection and in behalf of the Society, and shall keep all documents belonging to the Society in a safe provided for that purpose.

14.—Security from Officers and Others.

Every person appointed to any office touching the receipt, management or expenditure of money, or with the receipt of goods, wares and merchandise for the purpose of the Society, shall before entering upon the duties of his office, give such security as is thought sufficient by the Committee of Management for the time being, and if necessary the sum shall be afterwards varied or renewed in accordance with Section 11 of the Act.

15.—Payment of Officers.

At any Quarterly Meeting of the Society the majority of the members present may assign to any officer of the Society such remuneration as seems to them desirable.

16.—Servants not to be Officers.

No servant of this Society shall serve in any office in the Committee of Management, or be allowed to vote for any candidate for the Committee of Management, or be an Auditor on any account whatever.

Any member of the Committee shall vacate his office if he hold any other office or place of profit in the Society.

17—Election and Duties of Auditors.

There shall be two or more Auditors of the Society appointed by the members thereof, who shall be elected for six months, one of whom shall retire at the end of each quarter, subject to re-election. They shall audit the income and expenditure of the last quarter within fourteen days after stock has been taken by the Committee of Management. They shall examine every item of expenditure, and insist upon having receipts of payment for all goods, parcels, printing, postage, working expenses, fixed stock, withdrawals, and also accounts of income. Such Auditors shall have access to all books and accounts of the Society, and shall verify the same with the accounts and vouchers relating thereto, and shall either sign the same if found by them to be correct, duly vouched and in accordance with law; or shall specially report to the meeting of the Society before which the same is laid, in what respect they find them incorrect, unvouched, or not in accordance with law.

18.—Division of Profits.

After paying or providing for the payment of all expenses of management and interest on share capital of the Society, the net profits of all business carried on by the Society shall belong to the members and be applied by the Committee of Management, subject to approval of a majority of the members present at the General Quarterly Meeting.

19.—GENERAL QUARTERLY MEETINGS.

The quarters shall end on the last day of January, April, July and October. And the General Quarterly Meetings shall be held on the last Thursday in February, May, August and November, at 8 o'clock in the evening, at which meeting the officers shall make their reports, in which shall be specified the amount of funds and value of stock possessed by the Society. The business shall be (1st) for the approval or rejection of the minutes of the Committee; (2nd) for the approval or rejection of those wishing to become members; (3rd) for hearing the report of the Auditors; (4th) for declaring to the dividends of the quarter; (5th) for discussing the affairs of the Society; (6th) explaining the principles and rules of the Society; (7th) making suggestions for the guidance of the Committee of Management. Twenty-five per cent. of the members shall constitute a meeting.

20.—SPECIAL GENERAL MEETINGS.

That a special general meeting may be convened at any time, in virtue of a resolution of the Committee of Management, or on the requisition of ten members addressed to the Committee of Management specifying the object of such meeting, and no other business than that specified shall be transacted thereat. The same number will be required to requisition a special general meeting on [illegible]

21.—OFFICERS NOT TO NOMINATE COLLEAGUES.

That no Committee man or President while in office shall be allowed to nominate or second any member to serve on the Committee of Management. At all meetings of the Society each member shall have one vote only.

22.—INJURIOUS CONDUCT.

That any person persisting in injurious conduct towards the Society may, after full inquiry by the Committee of Management, be by them suspended from membership until they submit the same to the next general meeting of the Society, of which the suspended member shall receive three days' notice; and such meeting shall have power to expel such member, or otherwise as they think fit. Any member so expelled shall be entitled to the value of any shares he may have in the Society, but shall not again be admitted to membership except by a majority of two-thirds of the votes of the members present at a general meeting, and notice of his proposal having been given at the preceding quarterly meeting.

23.—SUGGESTIONS AND COMPLAINTS.

That any member may send to the Committee of Management in writing any suggestions for carrying into better effect the objects of the Society, which shall be duly considered by the Committee; and if any member shall have any complaint to make regarding the quality or price charged for goods supplied by the Society, or respecting the conduct of any of

the servants or officers of the Society, such complaint shall be sent to the Committee in writing by the member complaining or by some other member on his behalf, and such complaints shall be immediately investigated and decided on by the Committee of Management, and such decision to be entered in their minute book, and if the complaining member shall be dissatisfied, he may appeal through the committee to the first general meeting of the members, or a special general meeting called on that question, whose decision thereon shall be final and binding except reference be made to arbitration. A book shall be kept at the office in which members may make complaints or suggestions.

24.—Arbitration of Disputes.

If any dispute arise between any member or members, or any person claiming through or under any member or under the rules and the Secretary-Treasurer or other officers of the Society or the Committee of Management thereof, or the Society, and not settled according to the foregoing rule, it shall be decided by arbitration and the disputing parties shall each be bound to name an arbitrator having no interest in the Society, said arbitrators to choose an umpire, and the decision of the majority shall be binding and conclusive on all concerned and there shall be no appeal. Before a case is remitted to arbitration each of the dis-

puting parties shall lodge the sum of $3 with the Secretary-Treasurer. From the sum lodged by the losing party the arbitrators shall receive one dollar each. The successful party shall receive back his deposit.

25.—Alteration of Rules.

No new rules shall be made, or any of the rules herein contained or hereinafter to be made, shall be repealed or altered except by a vote of a majority of two-thirds of the members present at a general meeting of the Society held for that purpose of which four weeks' notice must be given and compliance made with section 1 Revised Statutes of Ontario, Chapter 166.

26.—Society Seal.

The Society shall have its name engraved in legible characters on a seal, and shall have its name mentioned in all notices, bills of exchange, endorsements, cheques, orders for money and all official documents, and in all other respects comply with Section 12, Revised Statutes of Ontario, Chapter 166. The seal shall be in the custody of the President, and shall be used only when directed by resolution of the Committee of Management.

27.—Construction of Rules.

In construing these rules, words importing the masculine gender shall be taken to apply to females also.

Copy of Form as per Rule 5.

City of Stratford Co-operative Society (Ltd.)

I, ...of..... ...Stratford, do hereby make application to become a member of your Society, and that I will abide by all rules now in force or hereinafter enacted.

Proposed by.....Seconded by..... .....

Copy of Form as per Rule 7.

I,..... of..... in consideration of the sum of.....paid to me by..... .....of..... do hereby transfer to the said.....share ...numbered ... .in the City of Stratford Co-Operative Society (Limited), standing in my name in the books of the Society to hold unto the said..... his executors and assigns subject to the several conditions on which I hold the same at the time of the execution hereof; and I the said.....do hereby agree to take the said shares subject to the same conditions.

Witness our hands the ....day of..... eighteen hundred and .....

Certificate of Registration.

I Certify that a duplicate of the within rules is duly filed in the Registry Office for the North Riding of the County of Perth on the 2nd day of May, A. D. 1885, at the hour of 11.47 o'clock a m.

DUNCAN D. MAY,
Deputy Registrar.

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